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Director's Welcome



Dear CSGGE Community:

On behalf of everyone at the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity (CSGGE), it is my great pleasure to welcome you to a new academic year. The year 2025 is a landmark one as we celebrate our 45th anniversary and mark a major milestone: our transition to a permanent center under the new name. While

the name has evolved, our dedication to fostering human development, promoting social justice, and advancing the study of gender identity remains at the heart of our work.

We have an exciting lineup of programming and events this year. We will kick off the semester with our annual [Fall Reception](#), a joyful opportunity to learn more about our center, meet new friends, and

reconnect with old ones. Alongside our highlighted annual events, the Alumni Lecture, Faculty Affiliate Lecture, and International Women's Day celebration, we are thrilled to announce the 2025–2026 Lecture Series on *Gendered Displacement and Erasure*. This series will feature distinguished speakers from our campus and across the nation throughout the year. In October, we will also present a MillerComm Lecture that brings academic and public perspectives to the urgent topic of climate change.

In addition, we will host and co-host faculty affiliate–initiated events that convene national and international scholars to explore intersectional, data-driven, and community-anchored approaches to advancing global gender equity. We also welcome opportunities to co-sponsor events with units across campus, so please check our [website](#) for the full list of upcoming programs.

We are proud of the education and support that CSGGE provides to students. This year, we will continue to offer professional development opportunities for students in our graduate minor on [Gender Relations in International Development \(GRID\)](#), and for graduate students across campus. These include fellowship information sessions, writing workshops, writing groups and lightning talks led by GRID students, and the new series of panel discussion on community-engaged research for graduate students. Each year, we offer a competition for [graduate student awards](#) that includes two full year fellowships and a research award. Please join us in congratulating the 2025-2026 CSGGE Fellowship and Award Recipients: Margie Giacalone (Rita and Arnold Goodman Fellowship), Asmaa Elsayed (Barbara A. Yates Fellowship), Mahbubeh Moqadam (Accad and Vieille Award), and Ayesnur Senel (Accad and Vieille Award).

This year brings further exciting developments with the launch of the newly approved [Master of Science in Global Studies](#) program, which features a *Gender and Public Policy* track. This innovative track equips students with the skills needed to address global gender equity and human security issues through interdisciplinary, intersectional approaches. It prepares students for leadership roles in government and nonprofit organizations focused on gender and policy

We look forward to a year filled with meaningful dialogue, impactful research, and a continued commitment to equity and justice. Our weekly newsletters will continue to share upcoming events, and our *Monthly Perspectives* will highlight updates from our faculty affiliates and GRID students. If you have news to share, we would love to hear from you. We are always happy to meet to discuss any questions about our programs or ways to get involved with CSGGE. Please feel free to contact me or our Associate Director, Anita Kaiser, at arkaiser@illinois.edu or (217) 333-6221.

We look forward to seeing you at our events and working together in the exciting year ahead!

Warm regards,

Min Zhan
Director, Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity
Professor, School of Social Work

AAUW Information Session, Friday, Aug. 29



AAUW Fellowship Information Session

Led by:

Dana Johnson, PhD,

Director of External Fellowships, Graduate College

Since 1888, AAUW has been one of the largest funders of women's graduate education, investing in women who go on to change the world. This information session will focus on AAUW's International & American Fellowship. AAUW Current Submission Deadline is September 30th

 Friday, August 29th

 12:00-1:30pm (Lunch starting at 11:45am)

 Room 306 Coble Hall

Lunch included with registration

CSGGE Fall Reception

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Thursday, September 4th



4-5pm (Remarks at 4:20 pm)



YMCA Latzer Hall,

1001 S. Wright Street, Champaign

RSVP appreciated by Sept. 1



Fall 2025 Events

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FALL 2025

August 29 12-1:30pm AAUW Information Session 306 Coble Hall Lunch provided with RSVP go.illinois.edu/AAUWInfo	September 16 5pm Something about Living Lena Khalaf Tuffaha <i>co-sponsored by CSGGE</i> Knight Auditorium, Spurlock Museum	October 8 12pm Series on "Gendered Displacement and Erasure" Dr. Erik McDuffie CSGGE Faculty Affiliate 306 Coble Hall	October 21 12pm Panel on "Community-Engaged Research in Action: Insights for Graduate Students" Hosted by CSGGE and IHSI; Co-sponsored by Humanities Research Institute Levis Faculty Center, Room 210 Lunch provided with RSVP https://redcap.link/CERpanel	
September 4 4-5pm CSGGE Fall Reception Latzer Hall, University YMCA RSVP appreciated by Sep. 1 go.illinois.edu/CSGGEFallReception	September 23 12pm MillerComm Lecture Series Who Elected Big Tech? Allison Stanger <i>co-sponsored by CSGGE</i> Levis Faculty Center, Room 210	October 8 4pm MillerComm Lecture Series Climate Change and the Urgency of Hope, Action, and Joy Lisa Reyes Mason, University of Denver Levis Faculty Center, Room 210	October 22 12-3pm Effective Fellowship Writing Workshop 306 Coble Hall Lunch provided with RSVP go.illinois.edu/Fellowshipworkshop	
September 8 12pm Write Like a Man: Jewish Masculinity and the New York Intellectuals Dr. Ronnie Grinberg, University of Oklahoma <i>co-sponsored by CSGGE</i> Lucy Ellis Lounge (LCLB 1080)	September 23 4pm Series on "Gendered Displacement and Erasure" "African Refugees, Gender and the Global Polycrisis" Olajumoke Yacob-Halliso, Brandeis University 306 Coble Hall	October 9-10 Beyond Borders: Global Mental Health Research and Services <i>co-sponsored by CSGGE</i> I-Hotel and Conference Center Registration required	October 28 5pm Ayelet Tsabari, Einhorn Lecture Series Author of the National Jewish Book award-winning novel, <i>Songs for Brokenhearted</i> Alice Campbell Hall <i>co-sponsored by CSGGE</i>	
Graduate Student Writing Group Sep 15-Dec 15 Biweekly If interested, contact arkaiser@illinois.edu October 1 4-5pm and October 3 10-11am GRID Minor Information Sessions Learn about the Gender Relations In International Development (GRID) Graduate Minor 306 Coble Hall				October 10 12pm The Illinois Partnership for African Women's Health Narratives, a cross-continental transmedia initiative Stretch Ledford Host: Center for African Studies <i>co-sponsored by CSGGE</i> 306 Coble Hall

For information on CSGGE hosted or co-sponsored events, please visit <https://go.illinois.edu/CSGGEevents> or click on QR code

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CSGGE Programs



Gender Relations in International Development Graduate Minor

CSGGE offers a graduate minor in Gender Relations in International Development (GRID). The GRID interdisciplinary minor is designed to give students the analytical and empirical skills needed to address and critically evaluate human development issues in research and policy analysis, as well as in daily life. As of 2025, GRID Alumni have come from 41 departments across campus and 52 different countries.

To learn more about the GRID minor, please contact Anita Kaiser at arkaiser@illinois.edu or by phone at 333-6221.

Click for more info on GRID minor

CSGGE joins the ACDIS and the Center for Global Studies to offer a Master of Science in Global Studies. CSGGE's track is Gender & Public Policy. The MS in Global Studies (MSGS) is a 32-hour, three semester program that also offers a 5-year dual BA or BS and MSGS degree option.



Call for Applications
Apply Now

The MS in Global Studies (MSGS) is a 33-hour, three-semester program that also offers a 5-year dual BA or BA and MSGS degree option. The program prepares students for careers that require knowledge of and an ability to work within areas related to (1) Global Governance, (2) Global Security, and (3) Gender & Public Policy by equipping them with the analytical and professional skills necessary to navigate an increasingly interconnected world. It emphasizes real-world, professional training and experience by enabling students to study, research, and work globally and with international universities and industry partners. The MSGS develops broadly educated and well-trained scholars, practitioners, and professionals who will become future leaders with a global impact.



Admission requirements

- * Completed or for pursuing a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher learning (or have 10 or more years of related professional work experience)
- * Submit an application to the Graduate College for admission: <https://gsi.rock.illinois.edu/graduate/global-studies/program-overview/application>

Click to learn more information on MSGS



Undergraduate Certificate in Global Health

Joint with CSGGE and LAS Global Studies

LAS Global Studies, in conjunction with the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity (CSGGE), is offering a Certificate in Global Health. **This certificate is open to all undergraduate majors at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.**

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